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PREPARATORY PRESS CONFERENCE

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1. SUMMARY: THE CGT HAS STAGED THE FIRST PREPARATORY
PRESS CONFERENCE FOR THE UPCOMING PRAGUE WFTU CONGRESS.
TWO PREPARATORY DOCUMENTS FOR THAT CONGRESS, DEALING
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WITH TRADE UNION RIGHTS AND WORLD-WIDE UNITY OF ACTION,
WERE DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY.

2. ON JANUARY 12, THE CGT ORGANIZED WHAT WAS BILLED
AS THE FIRST PREPARATORY PRESS CONFERENCE FOR THE
WFTU'S NINTH CONGRESS, SCHEDULED TO BE HELD AT PRAGUE
APRIL 16 TO 23. PRESENT WITH CGT GENERAL SECRETARY

SEGUY AT THE MEETING WERE WFTU PRESIDENT PASTORINO AND GENERAL SECRETARY GENSOUS. (THE ORIGINAL ANNOUNCEMENT HAD MENTIONED ONLY THAT GENSOUS WOULD ATTEND.)

3. IN BRIEFING THE JOURNALISTS, SEGUY NOTED THAT THE CGT HAD ALREADY MADE SOME EFFORTS TO INFORM THE PUBLIC ABOUT THE ISSUES THAT WOULD BE RAISED AT THE CONGRESS, AND THE VIEWS OF THE CGT (SEE REFS). HE SAID THAT A FREE AND FRANK EXCHANGE OF VIEWS WAS EXPECTED; AND THAT THE PROCEEDINGS WOULD BE OPEN TO ANY TRADE UNION THAT WISHED TO PARTICIPATE.

4. THE PREPARATORY DOCUMENTS TO THE CONGRESS WERE THEN IDENTIFIED AND DISCUSSED. THEY INCLUDE:

A. A UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF TRADE UNION RIGHTS, WITH 76 ARTICLES PERTAINING TO THE RIGHT OF WORKERS TO ORGANIZE, DEFEND THEIR INTERESTS, AND TO STRIKE.

B. A STATEMENT ON FUTURE WFTU ACTION, FOCUSED ON THE THEME OF WORLD WIDE LABOR UNITY. THE DOCUMENT WAS SAID TO HAVE BEEN PREPARED WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF UNSPECIFIED TRADE UNIONS NOT AFFILIATED WITH THE WFTU. IT REFERS TO THE OPPORTUNITY, GIVEN THE GROWTH IN WORKER MILITANCY AND THE "AGGRAVATION OF THE WORLD CRISIS OF CAPITALISM", PRESENTED THE LABOR MOVEMENT, UNCLASSIFIED

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INCLUDING THE WFTU ITSELF, TO REGROUP AND REFORM ITSELF. IN THAT CONNECTION, SPECIAL NOTE WAS MADE OF THE RECENT JOINT WCL-WFTU BRUSSELS COMMUNIQUE, WHICH INTER ALIA POINTED OUT THE NEED TO DEVELOP INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY.

5. ANY DOCUMENTATION THAT BECOMES AVAILABLE WILL BE POUCHED.
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